Dear Readers—I hope this letter finds you well. We have much to report about Preservation Maryland in 2016. And precious few pages for the telling!

Follow our progress here and on the pages following.

*WINTER* Our year began with grassroots organizing in Cumberland, Maryland, in an attempt to preserve the historic Rolling Mill neighborhood there. City and economic development authorities had hatched a plan to demolish a major swath of the area to develop a strip mall. We gathered over 100,000 signatures in our petition campaign with the Institute for Justice but sadly, demolition was all municipal leaders could envision. Sometimes, when the only tool you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail.

In *February*, Preservation Maryland braved the cold rain of Annapolis to advocate on behalf of our state’s most important preservation programs. We welcomed over 100 of our closest friends and best partners to the capital for a day of lobbying and meeting with legislators. The result? The re-authorization of Maryland’s historic rehab tax credit! Having invested nearly $400 million in historic buildings around the state, it is a critical tool for history and community. And though our efforts here are likely less exciting than the awesome before-and-after of a project, they are just as vital. With a small grant we can save one building but with a viable state program, we could save thousands. *(continued on page 3)*
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets
Cash and Cash Equivalents $ 114,647
Investments at Fair Value 9,292,148
Grants Receivable 13,113
Prepaid Expenses 19,484
Equipment and Historic Collections, Net 175,446
Total Assets $ 9,618,682

Liabilities & Net Assets
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses $ 38,226
Grants Payable 125,400
Deferred Revenue 1,312,495
Total Liabilities $ 1,496,156

Net Assets
Unrestricted, Board Designated $ 6,265,332
Unrestricted 713,246
Temporarily Restricted 559,633
Permanently Restricted 580,471
Total Net Assets $ 8,118,682

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $ 9,618,682

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenues
Contributions and Grants $ 287,540
Dues 16,798
Conference Income 18,493
Other Income 432
Investment Income Used for Operations 445,009
Total for Operations $ 768,272
Other Investment Income 281,103
Total Revenues $ 1,049,375

Expenses
Program Services
Funding $ 53,800
Education and Outreach 372,210
Advocacy 173,691
Preservation Services 47,702
Properties and Collections 26,030
Total Program Support $ 673,433

Support Services
Fundraising $ 29,043
General and Administrative 63,796
Total Support Services $ 94,839
Total Expenses $ 768,272

Net Assets–Beginning of Year $ 7,837,579
Net Assets–End of Year $ 8,118,682
Change In Net Assets $ 281,103

In 2016, thanks to the support of our loyal donors, Preservation Maryland dramatically expanded the operations and impact of the organization.

We rose to meet a series of new and dynamic challenges and held true to Preservation Maryland’s commitment to defend and preserve Maryland’s irreplaceable history and heritage. On the proactive advocacy front, we worked in the trenches of the Maryland General Assembly doing the difficult and necessary work to re-authorize our state historic rehabilitation tax credit—a critical program for revitalization efforts in every county across the state. As a result of our efforts, the credit is safe, stronger, and better prepared to meet the challenges of the next decade.

We also provided advocacy support to local organizations and individuals working to oppose absurd demolition schemes—including in Cumberland, where the mayor and economic development authority joined forces to destroy a historic neighborhood in the ill-fated name of urban renewal.

Our support of local preservation efforts also resulted in the distribution of nearly $100,000 in grants to deserving groups around the state through our Heritage Fund grants, administered in partnership with the Maryland Historical Trust. We don’t just talk about preservation—our funds are actually making it possible.

In Ellicott City, we faced perhaps our greatest challenge in the 85-plus-year history of the organization: how to support and aid a historic community devastated by a 1,000 year flood? We sprang into action in the hours following the flood—raising funds to provide emergency engineering services and establish a temporary field office in Ellicott City, which supported dozens of historic property owners and serviced nearly 100,000 square feet of the historic district. As an organization, we learned a tremendous amount about how to be a positive force following a disaster, and we are now writing our own handbook on this type of work as we intend on being prepared for the next disaster that strikes a historic community.

These milestones in 2016 represent just a small fraction of our overall work. Collectively, our programs, grants, and technical assistance touched hundreds of historic properties—including our innovative and well-received Six-to-Fix program, which is quickly turning retreat into advance across the state and is detailed in this report.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our donors—and none of the work that awaits us in 2017 will be possible without your continued support. For that we are extremely grateful and eager to continue this work in the year ahead.

Respectfully,

Nick Redding
Anthony Azola
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BOARD PRESIDENT

ANNUAL LEADERSHIP LETTER
NOTES FROM THE FIELD - NICHOLAS A. REDDING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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**SPRING**

In March, staff headed to the District of Columbia for meetings with our federal legislators to make the case for the bevy of federal programs that support preservation — chief among them the Historic Preservation Fund. We were in good company with Elizabeth Hughes, our State Historic Preservation Officer, who was leading the effort at the national level on behalf of preservation offices around the country. Thanks to these efforts, and many more, the Fund was re-authorized in late 2016, a major victory nationally for history and heritage.

April showers fell across Maryland as our team consulted with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development regarding Project C.O.R.E, a state-led plan to demolish thousands of vacant historic structures in Baltimore City. In a victory for preservation partnerships, Preservation Maryland and Baltimore Heritage issued a joint statement that — while not preventing proposed demolition — nonetheless helped make millions of dollars available for rehabilitation.

We headed back to Annapolis in May for fun this time for our Best of Maryland Awards. The decision to host the event at the Annapolis Maritime Museum Annapolis is a part of our effort to take our events on the move again in July, we set up shop in Frederick to host Summer School, our professional development conference. Taught on two learning tracks, seminars were held in the historic district at the Delaplaine Arts Center and the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. The feedback was very positive, and it’s going to be even better in 2017.

On July 30, Elliott City — the charming historic district along the Patapsco River in Howard County — was hit by a devastating storm that dumped rain across the region. In under two hours, the town was immersed in six inches of water. The powerful storm broke windows, sent cars cascading down Main Street, and threatened to destroy some of the city’s treasured historic buildings. With funds raised directly after the disaster, Preservation Maryland—with help from community and corporate sponsors—opened a staffed field office in town to provide direct technical preservation assistance and coordination. Our work there is on-going: you can read more on page 5.

**FALL**

By October we were prepared to announce our new Six-to-Fix project roster at our annual reveal event. This program’s efforts in 2016, collectively, have resulted in hundreds of thousands of grant dollars, volunteer hours, and donated services—all in just our first year of operation. We worked closely with dedicated groups and local municipalities to facilitate meetings, provide documentation services, and coordinate funding processes. We also got hands-on, joining volunteers on-site for work days. For more information, turn the page or visit the program online at sixtofix.org.

With two grant periods throughout the year, it’s worth mentioning that this year, Preservation Maryland and partner Maryland Historical Trust celebrated the distribution of over $1 million since the program’s 1997 inception. All told, our grants have resulted in over $17 million worth of completed projects—many of which started with a seed grant or planning study. It’s a successful program that also desperately needs your support as it costs more and more to operate every year. What other kind of non-profit project can boast a 17:1 return on investment?? Inspired? Please donate online today at presmd.org/support.

All in all, 2016 was a year full of action and progress. So much so that I feel I’ve barely made a dent here in describing all that we have achieved. As this report suggests, no one on our team is satisfied with just talking about preservation — we intend on making a real difference. I hope my letter encourages you to consider renewing your donation or even stepping up your giving level this year as we tackle the unfinished work remaining before us.

Yours for history,

Nicholas A. Redding
Executive Director

Preservation Maryland
receives a grant from the 172 Foundation to support a feasibility study and business plan to assist with the creation of a Maryland-based historic property redevelopment program.

Preservation Maryland and the Palm Companies, owners, announce jointly that Whites Hall—historic childhood home of Johns Hopkins—will remain on the market awaiting a preservation-friendly buyer.

Awards at this year’s Best of Maryland preservation event at the Annapolis Maritime Museum include honors for Takoma Radio, now streaming online.

Advocating with our partners at Baltimore Heritage, Project C.O.R.E. provides funds for rehabilitation—not just demolition.
STATEWIDE PROJECTS

Preservation Maryland works statewide to provide technical assistance, grants, advocacy support, and capacity-building opportunities to local organizations and municipalities from Oakland to Ocean City. We provide these services through our staff-driven programs with strong support from local partners—no matter where we’re working.

SIX TO FIX

Launched in late-2015, this year was the first full year of implementation of our proactive Six-to-Fix program—and we’ve been busy. With twelve diverse projects online at the moment, we are pleased to report major successes and great starts that will chart a new path to preservation for these threatened properties. You can be a part of these efforts, too, by signing up at sixtofix.org.

1. Rehabilitation at Antietam Battlefield
   - WASHINGTON COUNTY — Save Historic Antietam Foundation, National Park Service
   - Over fifty volunteers joined Preservation Maryland at a volunteer workday to clear invasive species from the Final Attack field.

2. Preservation Planning at the Shafer Farm
   - FREDERICK COUNTY — Burkittsville Preservation Association
   - Preservation Maryland is coalescing preservation experts to create a preservation plan for the Civil War-era farmstead that can anchor future heritage tourism.

3. Preservation Planning at Pleasant View Historic Site
   - MONTGOMERY COUNTY — Pleasant View Historical Association
   - Our involvement brought to the table a pro-bono structural engineering report by Keast & Hood, and a consultant to help plan future repairs and interpretation.

4. Preserving Maryland Historic Cemeteries
   - STATEWIDE — Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites
   - Preservation Maryland is joining the Coalition to raise awareness of the status of historic cemeteries and create and share statewide resources for communities to preserve their history.

5. Preservation Planning at Glenn Dale Hospital
   - PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY — Glenn Dale Citizens’ Association, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Redevelopment Authority of Prince George’s County
   - Preservation Maryland ensured that historic preservation was of highest priority in selecting a qualified company to complete a redevelopment feasibility study due out in 2017.

6. Ellicott City Flood Recovery
   - HOWARD COUNTY — Howard County Government, Patapsco Heritage Greenway
   - Preservation Maryland provided the first preservation boots-on-the-ground after the devastating flood by opening the Ellicott City Preservation Resource Center.

HISTORY FUND

This year, the Heritage Fund grant program has surpassed the milestone of providing over $1 million dollars in grant support to deserving projects across the state since its inception in 1997. A joint program of Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust, the Fund supports repair of buildings and landscapes are threatened. As an agile organization, actions taken can be advocacy, fundraising, crowdsourcing, documentation, or promotion. We are stretched by these emergencies, but we cannot knowingly stand by. Our skilled staff and general organizational support allow us to rise to meet these challenges.

1. Fighting Against Demolition in Cumberland
   - ALLEGANY COUNTY — Preservation Maryland stands with the Rolling Mill neighborhood against wholesale demolition.

2. Seeking a New Owner for Johns Hopkins’ Whites Hall
   - Anne Arundel County — Preservation Maryland is working with the owner to find a new steward for this historic estate.

3. Advocating for the Mid-Century Modern Bel-Loc Diner
   - BALTIMORE COUNTY — Preservation Maryland seeks the deconstruction—not demolition—of this iconic diner.

*Also a Heritage Fund grant recipient

CAMPAIGNS

Preservation Maryland steps in with urgency when buildings and landscapes are threatened. We work with volunteers in a cleanup of the site and rehab of historic cannons.

At Antietam battlefield we work with volunteers in a cleanup of the site and rehab of historic cannons.

Preservation Maryland leads as advocate for the preservation of the Bel-Loc Diner with a petition and negotiations with the future owners to deconstruct the building.

We host, in historic Frederick, our one-day professional development conference—the best-attended yet!
GLENN DALE HOSPITAL
We acted as the voice of preservation, and participated in the selection committee that identified a company interested in redeveloping the site—a major advance for a project stalled for more than 30 years.

BALTIMORE’S STOREFRONTS
We worked with local partners and government agencies to get funding out the door to support storefront façade repairs—we provided baseline photographic documentation services for 20+ buildings.

ELLICOTT CITY FLOOD RECOVERY

ELLIOTT CITY
In the days following the devastating July 30 flood, our team works around the clock to get the town the resources it requires—from emergency preservation engineers that keep the bulldozers at bay to long-term recovery staff who set up an emergency preservation center to support local rebuilding efforts. It is a challenge without equal.


Preservation Maryland staffs the Ellicott City Preservation Resource Center with Renée Novak and Michelle Eshelman to provide direct on-the-ground technical assistance to property owners.